

# CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER

## COMMUNITY CONNECTION NEWSLETTER

### A Message from the Mayor...

**Where has the time gone?** It seems like we have been dealing with COVID-19 forever, and the year is slipping away. Here we are, in mid-September already, and we have missed out on our normal Canal Winchester summer - no pool, no Blues & Ribfest, no Labor Day Festival, no Little League baseball - just a whole lot of nothing. COVID-19 has consumed our entire life style for more than six months, face masks have become a new fashion statement, and GoToMeetings and Zoom have become the new conference rooms. I think I speak for us all when I say that I'm ready to move on and get 2020 over with! That said, it appears there may be a glimmer of light at the end of the long tunnel we have been traveling. The city recently received word that our Community Center and others around the state, may be able to reopen with limited use for our Seniors on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Stay tuned for more information to come on our reopening plans. The city will continue to use the center on the first and third Thursday of each month for Mayor's Court and will do so until we are given the "all is clear" from the state to return to our standard format. Rentals of the Community Center and other city facilities likely will not return until a later date, perhaps not until next year. Depending on the weather and other schedule conflicts, we may be able to sneak in another **"Music in the Park"** in late September or October. Check our website and social media pages for updates. Meanwhile, we are planning to move forward with **Trick or Treat on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 pm** and our storybook **"Christmas In the Village", December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>**. Limitations and COVID restrictions may apply to either.



I want to commend everyone in Canal Winchester for enduring this unusual time in our lives. It has been something we want to forget but, on the other hand, we will be telling stories about COVID-19 for years to come. I also want to give a big **THANK YOU** to everyone working in the medical field. Nurses, doctors, emergency centers, EMS, police, and fire all have done a fantastic job of keeping us safe and healthy. This year will become a whole new chapter in U.S. history books, if there are still any written! **But don't forget, we still live in "The Greatest Little City in Ohio".**

Mayor Mike

#### Columbus Day— Oct 12

City employees will be in the office on Columbus Day. While the building is scheduled to remain closed to the public, staff will be available to serve you!

#### Trick-or-Treat— Oct 29

Trick-or-Treat will be held on Thursday, **October 29<sup>th</sup>** from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Due to COVID-19, Trick-or-Treat is subject to change. Please visit our website for the most up-to-date information!

#### Veterans Day Ceremony— Nov 7

Join us on Saturday, **November 7<sup>th</sup>** to honor all those who have served our country. The ceremony will feature a speaker from the USO and will be held in Stradley Park, adjacent to the Municipal Building at 36 S. High St.



### Mark Your Calendar...

**Saturdays** Farmers' Market  
(through Sept)

**Oct 12** Columbus Day—City offices OPEN

**Oct 29** Trick-or-Treat

**Nov 7** Veterans Day Ceremony

**Nov 11** Veterans Day

—City offices CLOSED

**Nov 26 -27** Thanksgiving

—City offices CLOSED

### Stay Connected

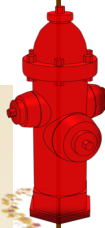
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### FALL MAINTENANCE

#### HYDRANT FLUSHING

Fall Hydrant Flushing will begin on September 21<sup>st</sup> and will continue through October 9<sup>th</sup>. During or immediately following flushing, tap water may appear discolored. Although the discoloration may last a few hours, it does not affect the taste or quality of the water and poses no health threat. If you notice discoloration, here are a few tips to follow:

- Run cold water for a few minutes to allow new water to flow into your pipes. You may need to do this several times over a few hours before the water is completely clear.
- Avoid washing laundry during scheduled flushing hours. Allow water to run clear from faucets and start with a load of dark laundry before doing lights or whites.
- If you experience low water pressure or volume, check your faucet screens for trapped particles stirred up during flushing.



#### LEAF COLLECTION

Annual curbside leaf collection will begin on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> and run through mid-December. Leaf piles should be placed behind the curb along the street to avoid water backups during rain events. No sticks, grass trimmings, or other yard waste should be put into leaf piles as it can cause damage to collection equipment. Regular yard waste will continue to be picked up during weekly trash collection.



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## RUMPKE OF OHIO AWARDED NEW WASTE HAULING CONTRACT IN CANAL WINCHESTER

Canal Winchester City Council recently approved a contract with a new waste hauler for residents. The five-year contract with Rumpke of Ohio will begin on October 1, 2020. Each residential address will receive a mailing directly from Rumpke with information about their company and their services. In addition to this mailing, and to help ensure a smooth transition to our new provider, here is some important information regarding trash and recycling service:

- **CURBSIDE RECYCLING IS COMING!** Rumpke will be providing weekly recycling collection as part of the new contract. Information on what is and is not recyclable under the program can be found online at [www.rumpke.com](http://www.rumpke.com) or in the mailer each household will receive from Rumpke. Examples of recyclable items include paper, cartons, metal cans, plastic bottles, and glass. Recycling carts will also contain a bag of helpful recycling information including a refrigerator magnet and a list of FAQs for quick reference.
- Residents will be provided with a 95-gallon brown trash cart and a 65-gallon green recycling cart. Rumpke will begin delivering carts around September 21, 2020. Please do not use your Rumpke carts until October 1, 2020.
- **NEW COLLECTION DAY** — Trash and recycling day will be **THURSDAY**, beginning October 1, 2020. The current service offered by Waste Management will continue on Mondays through the final pick up date of September 28, 2020. Carts rented from Waste Management should be left at the curb on the final pick up date for collection by the Waste Management team.
- Rumpke will automatically set up an account for each household. The first bill will be mailed to residents in mid-October. If you do not receive a bill, please call 1-800-828-8171 for assistance. Requests for additional carts or a change in cart size must be made directly with Rumpke.
- Rumpke will provide weekly trash and recycling service for \$19.50 per month (plus taxes and fees), billed quarterly. One 95-gallon trash cart and one 65-gallon recycling cart are included in the monthly cost. Senior citizens (65+) are eligible for a 10% discount by contacting Rumpke.
- Yard waste should be placed with the regular trash for pickup. Collection of bulky items (50 lbs or less and 1 cubic yard in size) should be scheduled 24 hours in advance of normal pickup day by calling Rumpke customer service at 1-800-828-8171.

**Election Day is  
November 3, 2020!**



**Need to register to vote?** Visit

[www.voteohio.gov](http://www.voteohio.gov) to register online or to print a paper application. Don't wait—the deadline to register for the November General Election is October 5, 2020!

Registered voters can cast their ballots in three ways:

1. **Absentee voting by mail**—ballots must be postmarked by November 2nd and received within 10 days of November 3rd to be counted. To request an absentee ballot, follow the instructions on your county board of election's website or complete the paper application available on the Ohio Secretary of State's website ([www.ohiosos.gov](http://www.ohiosos.gov)). Absentee ballots will be mailed out beginning on October 6th.
2. **Early in-person voting**— Voters may cast their ballots early at their county Board of Elections' office. Times and locations can be found on the Franklin County and Fairfield County Board of Elections' websites. Early in-person voting is available from Tuesday, October 6th to Monday, November 2nd.
3. **Election Day in-person voting**—Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Election Day. A valid form of ID, such as a driver's license, state issued ID, or military ID, must be presented. A full list of acceptable forms of identification, as well as polling locations, can be found on the Board of Elections' website.

Poll workers play an important role on Election Day. If you are interested in volunteering, visit [www.voteohio.gov](http://www.voteohio.gov) for more information and to sign-up.

### CANAL WINCHESTER FARMERS' MARKET

The 2020 farmers' market season will end soon — Don't miss out on fresh produce from local growers and unique handmade items from local crafters. The market runs every Saturday morning (*rain or shine*) 9:00 A.M. to Noon until Sept 26<sup>th</sup>.



## A Note From Auditor Michael Stinziano

Your Franklin County Auditor's office is hard at work conducting the Triennial Update that will adjust home values across the county to reflect the current real estate market. As part of these efforts, the office sent out tentative value letters to all property owners.

If you disagree with the tentative value the Auditor's office has determined, there will be multiple opportunities for your feedback.

Informal Value Review meetings are being held now through October 3rd and offer the opportunity to discuss your home value with our appraisers and tell us why you think the value should be different. This year, we are emphasizing virtual online reviews that can be done from the comfort of your home. There will still be in-person reviews if you prefer, at three satellite locations in Columbus, Hilliard and Reynoldsburg.

To schedule a virtual or in-person meeting, visit [www.your2020homevalue.org](http://www.your2020homevalue.org) or call us at (614) 525-HOME. To prepare for your meeting, gather any documentation you may have to share with appraisers that supports the value you have claimed. That includes things like a private appraisal, comparable sales, or evidence of detrimental property conditions.

For residents, informal review meetings last about 15-20 minutes. After it's over, Auditor's appraisers will review the information you shared to see if a change should be made. A letter with your final value will be mailed in December.

If, after the informal process, you still disagree with the property value we have determined, you may file a challenge with the Franklin County Board of Revision by March 31, 2021.

If you have any questions about your tentative home value, please contact the Auditor's office at [auditorstinziano@franklincountyohio.gov](mailto:auditorstinziano@franklincountyohio.gov) or call us at (614) 525-HOME.



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